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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Plans)

VIA: Chief of Operations/DDP

SUBJECT: Progress Report on the Long Range Plan for Berlin

**REFERENCE: Memo to DDP from [] same subject,
dated 26 April 1961**

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1. This memorandum is for the information of the DDP.
2. The reference reported that the Long Range Plan had received support of the State Department, both in Washington and from Berlin, and had been submitted to Mr. Henry A. Kissinger, the President's special adviser on Berlin.
3. The following quotation from a report on the Berlin problem, written by Mr. Kissinger for the President, indicates that Mr. Kissinger thoroughly endorses the idea and attaches considerable urgency to its execution:

" . . . There has been a tendency to treat the morale of West Berlin as something on which we can rely almost indefinitely . . . the people of Berlin must be given the feeling that we believe in their future. We should give them some tangible demonstration of our confidence to maintain their hope and courage . . . an urgent study should be started of the kinds of institutions, preferably private, that could be moved into Berlin or created there. One proposal deserving the most serious consideration is to expand the Free University curriculum to train young men and women in the special problems of the developing nations as well as to invite nationals from these countries to study in Berlin. Whatever the ultimate fate of that scheme, means should be found to encourage young Americans to spend a year in Berlin. This is as important a contribution to the cause of freedom as many of the tasks envisaged for

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4. In view of the general approbation accorded the Long Range Plan, we now propose to discuss the proposal in detail with State with a view to planning an approach to specific private institutions or foundations in the United States. We have in mind particularly exploring with State the idea of suggesting to Mr. Shepard Stone that the Ford Foundation might wish to play a prominent role in implementing this proposal, in view of its long-standing support of the Free University in Berlin.





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